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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT:DAILY MAIL SUMMARY-AUGUST 6, 1976

A. LETTERS

1. SENATORS PACKWOOD AND HATFIELD WISH TO JOIN IN PRO-TESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INTERVENTION IN THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S PRICING POLICY OF NATURAL GAS EXPORTS. THEY ASK THAT YOU RE-EVALUATE THE STATE DEPARTMENT DECISION AS YOU AGREED TO DO IN YOUR SEATTLE SPEECH AND INFORM THEM OF ANY PROGRESS.

2. MARY H. GOODE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BLACK CAUCUS, WRITES ASKING YOU TO WITHDRAW ANY SUPPORT OF THE PRESENT PRACTICES AND POLICIES OF THE MINORITY RULED GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA.

3. THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION CHAIRMAN KARL BAKKE WRITES IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 2 ABOUT THE PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMISSION AND THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE

RELATING TO OCEAN SHIPPING MATTERS. HE CLAIMS THAT THE

PRIME TOPICS ON THE AGENDA WERE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION. HE BELIEVED ANY PROSPECT OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT SEEMED TO BE REMOTE AND HE HAD NO TIME TO CONFER WITH THE US EMBASSY OFFICIALS BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. BEFORE HE GOT TO THE POINT ON HIS CHECKLIST TO NOTIFY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IT HAD OBVIOUSLY GOTTEN AROUND SO HE PROVIDED THE MATERIALS AND CROSSED IT OFF HIS CHECKLIST. HE INVITED A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO JOIN HIS PARTY BEFORE THEY VISITED THE SOVIET UNION AND FEELS HE ACTED IN GOOD FAITH. HE BELIEVES, IN READING THE LATTER PART OF YOUR LETTER LITERALLY, SERIOUS IMPEDIMENTS COULD RESULT IN IMPLEMENTING THE COMMISSION'S RESPONSIBILITIES. FINALLY, HE WELCOMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY ANY MISCONCEPTIONS RELATED TO THE AGREEMENT SIGNED JULY 16. (EB IS PREPARING A RESPONSE FOR YOUR SIGNATURE.)

4. MRS. MARTHA WALLIS WRITES ASKING YOUR HELP IN BRINGING A SON FROM HONG KONG FOR THEIR FRIENDS, CHERING AND ATSUN. SHE HOPES YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER ARE HAVING A LOVELY SUMMER AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN PALM SPRINGS NEXT WINTER.

5. ALEX MOLLER, WHO WAS RECENTLY HONORED AT A LUNCHEON FOR THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND THANKS YOU FOR YOUR LETTER TO HIM ON HIS EFFORTS TO HELP FOSTER THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE FRG. HE IS "DEEPLY MOVED" BY THE WORDS OF APPRECIATION YOU EXPRESSED AND SENDS HIS BEST.

6. SENATOR JOHN MCCLELLAN WRITES EXPRESSING HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE SAFETY OF PANAMA CANAL ZONE POLICEMEN AND ENCLOSURES A LETTER FROM A CONSTITUENT WITH A REQUEST TO BE ADVISED OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT POSITION.

7. SENATOR HUMPHREY'S LETTER WAS RECEIVED TODAY AS REPORTED SEPTTEL IN TOSEC 200069.

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B. SOCIAL INVITATIONS. NONE.

C. TELEPHONE CALLS.

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